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## Lake Shelbyville Kid's Fishing Tournament

**Lake Shelbyville-** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Shelbyville will host a kid's fishing tournament for children 12 years of age and under on Saturday, June 9, 2012 in the Opossum Creek Recreation Area at the pond near the entrance to the park. The tournament is free. Participants are encouraged to pre-register, but it is not mandatory by calling 217-774-3951 ext. 2.

Ages 6 and under are required to check-in or register at 8:30 a.m. and will fish from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., ages 7-12 are required to check-in or register at 9:30 a.m. and will fish from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Ages 7-12 will be divided into 7 to 9 and 10 to 12 years old for prizes after the tournament. Tournament categories include biggest fish, most fish and smallest fish for each age group. Prizes will be presented to the winners in each category and everyone will receive a certificate for participating. The tournament will be limited to bank fishing only. All participants will be required to bring and wear a life jacket. Each participant must provide their own fishing equipment, tackle and bait and must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will have an opportunity to learn how to clean fish and enjoy a free fish fry for lunch.

Volunteers are still needed to help teach the kids how to clean fish and help gather fish from participants and record information. The supplies for all volunteer activities will be provided, but if you have supplies that you would like to bring and use during the event please do so. All volunteers will receive one free night of camping at Lake Shelbyville at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Campground and lunch with the event participants.

Get your rods and reels ready to go, bring the kids and watch them enjoy a free fun morning of fishing at Lake Shelbyville. If you would like further information, to pre-register, or to volunteer call the Lake Shelbyville Interpretive Services and Outreach Department at (217) 774-3951 ext. 2.

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